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Introduction:

1. Heb 11 and 12--tells us about the great cloud of witnesses, admonishing us to lay aside every sin and look to Jesus, who is the author of our salvation.
2. He is our "All in all.", our High Priest, Intercessor, Mediator, Master, King and tender Shepherd.
3. Heb 12:25--"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh."
Those who refused him that warned them on earth, could not escape---How much more shall not we escape who turn away.
4. God has promised to shake this old earth, in fact it shall be destroyed---2 Peter 3:1-11.
5. Who is this that now speaketh??? NOTE: Heb 1:1-2.
It is Christ that now speaketh--and if one refuses now, then he refuses the invitation from Heaven. Pr 10:16

BODY:

HOW MAY PEOPLE REFUSE HIM THAT SPEAKETH FROM HEAVEN TODAY???

1. BY REFUSING TO LISTEN TO HIM:

1. Mt 13:15,16--dull of hearing, eyes closed, etc.
2. Those Jews simply would not hear, they were blind and deaf spiritually.
3. Many like this today, they can hear, but will not, They deliberately close their eyes, stop their ears, and refuse to understand, that they might be saved. Many in the church are like this! Especially true of those who want to use human institutions.
4. Reminds us of the old illustration about the two men who argued which one had the most rats in their barns. (He had both hands over his eyes.)
5. Thus you refuse Jesus when you refuse to listen to Him in His Word, for Jesus said, "the words that I speak, the same shall judge you in the last day." Jn 12:48

2. BY LISTENING ONLY OUT OF CURIOSITY WITH NO INTENTION OF OBEYING

1. Acts 17:18--These gathered out of curiosity.
2. Some have been converted to the truth, after curiosity led them to come in contact with it. But they were honest and curiosity only served to lead them to hear.
3. Mt 7:21; Lk 6:46--Not the hearing, but the hearing and doing is the thing that matters.

3. BY REJECTING THE GOSPEL PREACHER WHEN YOU KNOW HE SPEAKS TRUTH

1. Israel rejected God when they refused Samuel and asked for a king. God said: "For they have not rejected thee but they have rejected me." 1 Sam 8:7.
2. Lk 10:16---"He that heareth you heareth me; and he that..."
By refusing the one who delivers the words of Christ, one refuses God.

4. BY TRYING TO BE NEUTRAL OR PLAY "BOTH ENDS AGAINST MIDDLE."

1. Man cannot straddle the fence and serve God.
2. One is against God or ~~for~~ for Him. *Cannot serve God & Mammoth*
3. Must be either hot or cold, not lukewarm. - Rev 3. *Not 6:14*
4. God and his kingdom must be first--Mt 6:33.

WHY DO PEOPLE REFUSE HIM???

I. TOO MANY TRUST THEIR OWN GOODNESS::

1. Rom 10:2--Jews sought to establish their own righteousness
2. 1 Cor 1:20,21--Jews required a sign, Greeks seek after wisdom, but Paul preached Christ and crucifixion.
3. Many refuse God because they cannot see the whys and where. He says there is no God because he cannot SEE Him. He believes there is a place such as PARADISE, HEAVEN, even though he has never seen it. Evidence proves it.
4. Man is never so good, but what he must obey the Gospel.

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2. THROUGH IGNORANCE MANY TURN AWAY AND REFUSE HIM:

1. Lk 23:34--"Father forgive them; for they know not what they do."
2. Acts 3:17--Peter states they killed him through ignorance.
3. But this did not excuse them, they still were guilty.
4. Ignorance has never been an excuse, since the gospel came in its entirety.
5. Acts 17:30,31--At one time God overlooked ignorance, but.
6. Man must study. Obey. *Now*

EXAMPLES OF SOME WHO ACCEPTED CHRIST:

1. THOSE ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST: 3000 heard and obeyed.
2. THE EUNUCH: Heard, and was baptized.
3. And on and on we could go with the examples in Acts. In each case the subject was baptized into Christ.
4. Many today are told to fall down, pray through, etc, but these are substitution theories, false, Feelings are no proof of acceptance of Christ.
5. 1 Pet 3:21--"Baptism doth also now save us."
Doctrines of men--"Baptism doth NOT save us."
Man must accept one, and reject the other.
6. THEY REFUSED JESUS: (1) Lk 4:28--People of Nazareth refused (2) Lk 8:37--Samaritans rejected him. (3) Lk 9:53--Samaritans rejected Him. (4) Jn 8:59--City of Jerusalem rejected Him. THEY FINALLY CRUCIFIED HIM. *Jn 1:10*

WHAT IS THE END OF THOSE WHO REFUSE HIM???

- 2 Thess 1:5-9--eternal punishment, etc.
 - 1 Pet 4--What shall be the end of these who ~~obey~~ not the gospel
 - Heb 5:8-9--Jesus the author of salvation to those who OBEY.
- MAN HAS THE CHOICE OF ACCEPTING CHRIST OR REFUSING HIM. WHICH WILL YOU DO THIS HOUR???